



Atty. Docket No. 42P10315

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Crafts et al.)
Application No.: 09/821,935)
Filed: March 30, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALIGNING)
AND ORIENTING POLARIZATION)
MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBERS)

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Examiner: Mooney, Michael P.
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121

Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2004, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the Application.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly enter the following Amendments and consider the following Remarks.

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